

**Green Acres School
Reading Suggestions
for Students Entering
5th and 6th Grades
Summer 2017**

Allen, Crystal; illus. Eda Kaban. *Spirit Week Showdown*

"Nuanced depictions of friendship coupled with larger-than-life and fully three-dimensional characters make this delightful book at once thoughtful and a riot to read." Fiction. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Angleberger, Tom and Paul Dellinger. *Fuzzy*

"Vanguard Middle School's no place for breaking rules; computerized Vice Principal Barbara sees to that." Science fiction. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Appelt, Kathi and Alison McGhee. *Maybe a Fox*

"A fox kit born with a deep spiritual connection to a rural Vermont legend has a special bond with 11-year-old Jules." Fantasy. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Argueta, Jorge; illus. Alfonso Ruano; trans. Elisa Amado. *Somos como las nubes / We are Like the Clouds*

"With tenderness and humanity, this bilingual book describes the hopes, fears, and uncertainties of the thousands of displaced children that arrive every year at the southern border of the United States." Poetry. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Atkinson, Rick. *D-Day: The Invasion of Normandy, 1944*

Meticulously researched account of a vital World War II operation. Nonfiction.

Beckhorn, Susan. *The Wolf's Boy*

"Sometime in prehistory, a crippled boy and his wolf companion face coming-of-age challenges... This bracing, well-told story, laced with themes of self-responsibility, compassion, and honor, is both vital and nourishing." Historical fiction. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Bell, Cece. *El Deafo*

In the funny, poignant memoir, the author recounts her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid strapped to her chest, learning how to lip read, and determining her "superpower." Graphic nonfiction memoir.

Bingham, Kelly L. *Shark Girl*

After a shark attack leads to the amputation of her right arm, 15-year-old Jane, an aspiring artist, struggles to come to terms with her loss and the changes it imposes on her day-to-day life and her plans for the future. Fiction. Told in narrative verse interspersed with news clippings, internal dialogue, and letters of support from other amputees.

Bingham, Kelly L. *Formerly Shark Girl*

In this sequel to *Shark Girl*, Jane makes difficult decisions as she recovers from her injuries. Fiction. Told in narrative verse interspersed with letters of support.

Black, Holly. *Doll Bones*

Zach, Alice, and Poppy, friends from a Pennsylvania middle school who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures, embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl. Fantasy.

Blackwood, Sage.*Jinx*

Young wizard-in-training Jinx encounters magic and danger as he grows up in the deep, dark forest known as the Urwald and discovers that the world beyond--and within--the Urwald is more complex than he could have imagined. Fantasy.

Blackwood, Sage.*Jinx's Magic*

In the sequel to *Jinx*, young wizard's apprentice Jinx learns that his forest home, the Urwald, is under threat, and he must travel to a new land to save it. Fantasy.

Booth, Coe.*Kinda Like Brothers*

When his mother takes in a 12-year-old foster boy, Jarrett is forced to share his room and his friends. Fiction.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker.*Jefferson's Sons: A Founding Father's Secret Children*

Presents a fictionalized look at the last 20 years of Thomas Jefferson's life at Monticello through the eyes of three of his slaves, two of whom were his sons by his slave Sally Hemings. Historical fiction.

Brown, Don.*Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans*

"Brown tells the story of Hurricane Katrina and its impact on New Orleans, beginning with 'a swirl of unremarkable wind' in 'early August, 2005' and ending with the observation that 'By 2012, only 80 percent of New Orleans's residents had returned.'" Graphic nonfiction. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Brown, Gavin.*Josh Baxter Levels Up*

"A video game-obsessed middle schooler tackles his third new school in two years. Smartly paced and emotionally engaging, a book even those who have never held a controller will enjoy." Fiction. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Brown, Peter.*The Wild Robot*

A sophisticated robot—with the capacity to use senses of sight, hearing, and smell—is washed to shore on an island, the only robot survivor of a cargo of 500... Thought-provoking and charming." Science fiction/fantasy. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Bruchac, Joseph.*Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War Two*

Written from the perspective of a fictional 16-year-old Navajo boy, this book tells the true story of Navajos recruited by the U.S. Marines during World War II to send secret tactical messages using a code derived from the Navajo language. Historical fiction.

Bryan, Ashley.*Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life*

"Bryan gives voices to the voiceless and presents the dreams of slaves who went to the grave without living them." Poetry. Finalist 2016 Kirkus Prize (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Burg, Ann.*All the Broken Pieces*

An Amerasian boy, evacuated from Vietnam towards the end of the Vietnam War and adopted by an American family, is haunted by his past and is the object of prejudice, even on the school baseball team where he is a star pitcher. Historical fiction. Told in narrative verse.

Burg, Ann.*Serafina's Promise: A Novel in Verse*

In a poor village outside of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Serafina works hard to help her family as she dreams of going to school and becoming a doctor. Then the 2010 earthquake hits, and Serafina must summon all her courage to find her father and get medicine for her sick baby brother, as she has promised. Historical fiction. Told in narrative verse.

Camper, Cathy.*Lowriders in Space*

Lupe, Flapjack, and Elirio customize their car into a low rider in order to win the Universal Car Competition cash prize that will enable them to buy their own garage. Graphic adventure.

Carman, Patrick.

Trackers

The trackers, four tech-savvy teens armed with high-tech video cameras and coding skills, are in a high-stakes game with the world's most dangerous hacker. Adventure.

Carson, Mary Kay.

Inside Biosphere 2: Earth Science Under Glass

"A 1990s science experiment aimed at space exploration finds a new purpose in the 21st century." Nonfiction. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Casey, Susan.

Women Heroes of the American Revolution: 20 Stories of Espionage, Sabotage, Defiance, and Rescue

Presents facts and legends about 20 women in the American Revolution. Nonfiction.

Cassidy, Sara.

A Boy Named Queen

"What happens when a girl who is expected to live by the rules meets a boy who makes his own rules? A small, eloquent book with a powerful message." Fiction. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Cavanaugh, Nancy.

This Journal Belongs to Ratchet

"An 11-year-old home-schooled girl who longs to live like everyone else learns that her strange life with her father may be weird, but it's also wonderful." Fiction. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Christensen, Bonnie.

Elvis: The Story of the Rock and Roll King

Biography

Christopher, Lucy.

Flyaway

While her father is in the hospital, 13-year-old Isla befriends Harry, the first boy to understand her love of the outdoors. As Harry's health fails, Isla tries to help both him and the lone swan they see, struggling to fly, on the lake outside Harry's window. Fiction.

DiCamillo, Kate.

Raymie Nightingale

"Ten-year-old Raymie Clarke of Lister, Florida has a plan to get her father to come back home...Once again, DiCamillo demonstrates the power of simple words in a beautiful and wise tale." Historical fiction. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Clements, Andrew.

Things Not Seen

When 15-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend, Alicia, try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it. Fiction.

Curtis, Christopher Paul.

The Mighty Miss Malone

During the Great Depression, there are no jobs for black men in Gary, Indiana, so Deza's father leaves to find work. Deza, the smartest girl in her class, and her mother and older brother Jimmy go in search of him and end up in a makeshift town for homeless people. Jimmy has a beautiful voice and hopes to set out on his own and become a performer. Historical fiction.

Draper, Sharon.

Out of My Mind

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant 5th grader with cerebral palsy finally gets a device that allows her to "speak" for the first time. Fiction.

Fajardo, Alexis.

The Blood-Bound Oath

'Beowulf' reimagined...What Rick Riordan did for the Greek gods, Fajardo has done for 'Beowulf': magnificent." Graphic fantasy. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Federle, Tim.

Better Nate Than Ever

Bullied, insecure 8th grader Nate Foster dreams of performing in a Broadway musical and concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliott in the musical version of "E.T." Fiction.

Federle, Tim.

Five, Six, Seven, Nate!

Now on Broadway as second understudy for E.T., Nate Foster keeps in close contact with his best friend, Libby, as he faces his nemesis, Jordan Rylance, and struggles with his own insecurities as the cast member with the least training and experience and as a boy questioning traditional ideas about masculinity. Fiction.

Feinstein, John.

The Rivalry: Mystery at the Army-Navy Game

Eighth-grade sportswriters Stevie Thomas and Susan Carol team up to solve a mystery at the famous Army-Navy football game. Mystery.

Ferrari, Michael.

Born to Fly

Eleven-year-old Bird has loved flying in small propeller planes with her mechanic dad, who is shipped overseas after the Japanese Navy bombs Pearl Harbor. Through a class project, she befriends a Japanese-American student who is suspected of being a spy. Historical fiction.

Fleming, Candace.

Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart

Reading like a suspenseful thriller, this book provides a fresh look by alternating between biographical chapters and a dramatic recounting of Earhart's last flight and the subsequent search. Nonfiction.

Fleming, Candace.

The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, & the Fall of Imperial Russia

This is a meticulously researched page-turning account of the personal lives of the family of Russia's last tsar, set against the backdrop of the social and political upheaval of the period. Inserts feature period photographs and compelling primary-source material. Nonfiction.

Forester, Victoria.

The Girl Who Could Fly

When homeschooled farm girl Piper McCloud reveals her ability to fly, she is taken to a secret government facility to be trained with other exceptional children. She soon realizes that something is very wrong and begins working with brilliant, wealthy Conrad to escape. Fantasy.

Freedman, Russell.

Vietnam: A History of the War

"Solid history that doesn't shy away from difficult truths and important moral and political lessons." Nonfiction. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Freedman, Paula.

My Basmati Bat Mitzvah

Tara Feinstein, proud of both her East Indian and Jewish heritage, questions what it means to have a Bat Mitzvah and deals with her own doubts about her faith. Fiction.

Frost, Helen.

Diamond Willow

In a remote area of Alaska, a 12-year-old part-Athabaskan girl is more comfortable being with her family's sled dogs than with people. Her solo trip by dogsled to visit her grandparents turns into an intense adventure, and she is helped by the spirits of her ancestors, who live on in the animals around her. Fiction. Told in diamond-shaped narrative verse with hidden messages.

Frost, Helen.

Hidden

When 14-year-olds Wren and Darra meet at a Michigan summer camp, both are overwhelmed by memories from six years earlier, when Darra's father stole a car, unaware that Wren was hiding in the back. Fiction. Told in narrative verse with hidden messages.

Fusco, Kimberly Newton.

The Wonder of Charlie Anne

Charlie Anne and her African-American next-door neighbor Phoebe form a friendship that begins to transform their 1930s Massachusetts farm town, which is torn by the Depression and racial tension. Historical fiction.

Gantos, Jack.

Dead End in Norvelt

Blending real people and historical events with wildly fictional events, this humorous novel tells the story of 12-year-old future author Jack Gantos during the summer of 1962 in the historic town of Norvelt, PA. Jack is “grounded” for various offenses but is allowed to help an elderly neighbor with an unusual task involving the newly dead, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl Scout cookies, underage driving, lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses. Historical fiction.

Gidwitz, Adam.

A Tale Dark and Grimm

Hansel and Gretel walk out of their own story and into eight more tales, where they encounter witches, kind strangers, and other helpful folk. Based in part on the Grimms' fairy tales Faithful Johannes, Hansel and Gretel, The Seven Ravens, Brother and Sister, The Robber Bridegroom, and The Devil and His Three Golden Hairs. Fractured fairy tale.

Gidwitz, Adam.

In a Glass Grimly

In this companion to *A Tale Dark and Grimm*, cousins Jack and Jill and a three-legged talking frog encounter giants, mermaids, and goblins as they search for a magic mirror. Based in part on fairy tales from the Brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Andersen. Fantasy.

Gidwitz, Adam.

The Grimm Conclusion

In the final book in the trilogy, siblings Jorinda and Joringel have separate, shocking adventures in more, gruesome Grimm-inspired stories as they struggle to keep their promise to stay together. Fantasy.

Gill, Joel Christian.

Bessie Stringfield

"An incredible true story that has as much power as Bessie and the motorcycles she rode...Being the first woman to ride a motorcycle across the United States did not satisfy Bessie Stringfield; she did it eight times!" Graphic biography. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Gownley, Jimmy.

The Dumbest Idea Ever

The author recounts how he became a teenage comic book artist. Graphic memoir.

Grabenstein, Chris.

Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics

Mr. Lemoncello organizes a new Middle School competition at his fantastic library, but someone is removing books from the shelves in an effort to keep kids from reading them. Fiction.

Grabenstein, Chris.

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library

"When a lock-in becomes a reality game, 12-year-old Kyle Keeley and his friends use library resources to find their way out of Alexandriaville's new public library." Mystery. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Green, Tim.

Unstoppable

In a new foster family with Coach as his new dad, 13-year-old Harrison begins to play on the football team and shows great skill until he is sidelined by an injury and ultimately by bone cancer. Supported by the people around him and by an unstoppable spirit, he struggles to achieve his goals. Fiction.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson.

Shadow Children series

In this suspenseful seven-book series set in a dystopian country, the Population Police allow only two children in non-privileged families. Third children exist at grave risk. Dystopian fiction.

Hagen, George.

Gabriel Finley & the Raven's Riddle

Aided by the young raven Paladin, with whom he has a magical bond, 11-year-old Gabriel travels to the foreboding land of Avioapolis, where he must face challenges and unanswerable riddles to rescue his long-missing father. Fantasy.

Hale, Nathan.

Alamo All-Stars (Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales series)

"Shares the Lone Star State's bloody fight for independence from the Mexican government and features the exploits of historical legends, Jim Bowie and Davy Crockett." Graphic nonfiction. (Publisher)

Hale, Shannon.

The Forgotten Sisters

This is the final book in the Princess Academy trilogy, which begins with the story of a 14-year-old girl, Miri, who attends an academy from which the crown prince's future bride will be chosen. In the sequel, as Miri and friends help the future princess prepare for her wedding, Miri learns of plans to overthrow the monarchy. In the conclusion, Miri expects to reunite with her family but is ordered to become the tutor for three royal sisters. Fantasy.

Hartland, Jessie.

Steve Jobs: Insanely Great

Presents the story of the ultimate American entrepreneur, who brought us Apple Computer, Pixar, Macs, iPods, iPhones and more. Graphic biography.

Holczer, Tracy.

The Secret Hum of a Daisy

Twelve-year-old Grace and her mother have been looking for the perfect home, but after her mother's sudden death, Grace is forced to live with a grandmother she's never met. Clues in a mysterious treasure hunt that her grandmother has set up help her to find her way. Fiction.

Hopkinson, Deborah.

Dive! World War II Stories of Sailors & Submarines

"Hopkinson's writing plumbs the depths in relating the undersea exploits of American submariners during World War II." Nonfiction. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Hunt, Lynda Mullaly.

Fish in a Tree

Smart, sensitive 6th grader Ally excels at math, but she has dyslexia and struggles with reading. An inspirational teacher offers help, and Ally moves beyond the bullies to make new friendships. Fiction.

Jamieson, Victoria.

Roller Girl

Twelve-year-old Astrid's relationship with her best friend is tested one summer when Astrid jumps at the opportunity to go to roller derby camp and Nicole decides not to join her. Graphic fiction.

Jarrow, Gail.

Bubonic Panic

"A richly detailed exploration of a fascinating subject." Nonfiction. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Jarrow, Gail.

Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary

Tells the story of the typhoid fever epidemic in New York City in the early 1900s and the search for the Irish immigrant suspected of carrying typhoid bacteria and infecting her coworkers. Nonfiction.

Johnson, Varian.

To Catch a Cheat

In the sequel to *The Great Greene Heist*, a faked video implicating Jackson and his friends falsely in a school prank may find its way to the principal's office unless Jackson steals an advance copy of the school's toughest exam. Fiction.

Johnson, Varian.

The Great Greene Heist

Jackson Greene has a reputation as a prankster at Maplewood Middle School, but after the last disaster he is trying to go straight. However, when it looks as if his old nemesis Keith may steal the election for student council president from Jackson's former best friend, Gabriela, he assembles a team to make sure that Keith does not succeed. Fiction.

Jökulsson, Illugi.

FC Barcelona

The official history of FC Barcelona from 1899 to the present, including the stories of current and upcoming stars. Nonfiction.

Kadohata, Cynthia.

Half a World Away

Twelve-year-old Jaden, an emotionally traumatized adopted boy fascinated by electricity, feels a connection to a small, weak toddler with special needs in Kazakhstan, where Jaden's family is trying to adopt a "normal" baby. Fiction.

Key, Watt.

Terror at Battle Creek

Thirteen-year-old Cort has been learning everything he can from his father, an expert on hunting and swamp lore in southern Alabama, but all of Cort's skills and his bravery are tested in a battle against a Gulf Coast hurricane. Adventure.

Kidd, Chip.

Go: A Kidd's Guide to Graphic Design

An award-winning graphic designer describes the ways in which a designer communicates ideas to the world. Nonfiction.

Kirby, Matthew.

Icefall

Trapped in a hidden fortress tucked between towering mountains and a frozen sea, Solveig, her brother the crown prince, and their older sister anxiously await news of their father's victory in battle. Acts of treachery occur, and the king's children don't know whom to trust. Historical mystery.

Korman, Gordon.

Masterminds

A group of kids living in a perfect town make a shocking discovery and realize that they cannot trust anyone, including their parents. Adventure.

Korman, Gordon.

Ungifted

Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at his middle school. Fiction.

Krishnaswami, Uma; illus. Julianna Swaney. *Book Uncle and Me*

"When her source of books is threatened, so is 9-year-old Yasmin's goal of reading a book a day 'forever.'" Fiction. (Kirkus Reviews)

Krishnaswami, Uma.

The Grand Plan to Fix Everything

Eleven-year-old Dini loves movies, so when she learns that her family is moving from Takoma Park, MD to India for two years, her devastation over leaving her best friend, Maddie, is tempered by the possibility of meeting her favorite actress, Dolly Singh, a Bollywood film star. Fiction.

Krishnaswami, Uma.

The Problem with Being Slightly Heroic

Sixth-grade best friends Dini and Maddie are reunited when Dini's family visits from India. Complications ensue when Bollywood star Dolly Singh premieres her new movie at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. and Dini and Maddie present a dance at the grand opening. Fiction.

Lại, Thanh Hà.

Listen, Slowly

Assisting her grandmother's investigation of her grandfather's fate during the Vietnam War, Mai struggles to adapt to an unfamiliar culture while redefining her sense of family. Fiction.

Levinson, Cynthia.

Watch Out for Flying Kids! How Two Circuses, Two Countries, and Nine Kids Confront Conflict and Build Community

Follows the kids who participate in two circuses that work together periodically: Circus Harmony, in St. Louis, whose participants are inner-city and suburban kids, and Circus Galilee in Israel, whose participants are Jews and Arabs. Nonfiction.

Levinson, Cynthia Y.

We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March

Describing the experiences of four young arrestees in detail, Levinson recounts the events leading up to, and the aftermath of, the march of 4,000 African-American students to jail to fight for justice in May 1963. Nonfiction.

Lewis, John.

March: Book One

The author, one of the original Freedom Riders and currently a U.S. Representative, recalls his early years. Graphic memoir.

- Lewis, John and Andrew Aydin.** *March: Book Two*
“Heroism and steadiness of purpose continue to light up Lewis’ frank, harrowing account of the civil rights movement’s climactic days—here, from cafeteria sit-ins in Nashville to the March on Washington.” Graphic memoir. (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Lewis, John and Andrew Aydin.** *March: Book Three*
“Eisner winner Powell’s dramatic black-and-white graphic art ratchets up the intensity in this autobiographical opener by a major figure in the civil rights movement.” Graphic memoir. (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Mafi, Tahereh.** *Furthermore*
“A 12-year-old girl who doesn’t fit into her own world embarks on a harrowing quest with a boy she doesn’t trust to find her missing father... An original new Alice confronts her own wonderland in this smashing fantasy.” Fantasy. (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Markle, Sandra.** *The Great Monkey Rescue: Saving the Golden Lion Tamarins*
Describes the amazing efforts made by scientists and concerned citizens to save golden lion tamarins, a tiny species found only in Brazilian forests. Nonfiction.
- Meloy, Maile.** *The Apothecary* (series)
A 14-year-old American girl’s life changes unexpectedly when her family moves to London in 1952 and she and a mysterious apothecary’s son, Benjamin, get swept up in a race to save the world from nuclear war. Historical fantasy.
- Meloy, Maile.** *The Apprentices* (book 2 of The Apothecary series)
In the sequel to *The Apothecary*, Benjamin is in war-torn Vietnam with his father two years later to treat the sick and wounded. Benjamin finds out through a magical elixir that Janie is in trouble halfway around the world, and he and his friend Pip take part in a fast-moving series of settings and escape scenes. Historical fantasy.
- Meloy, Maile.** *The After-Room* (book 3 of The Apothecary series)
It’s 1955, and Benjamin Burrows and Janie Scott are trying to live a safe, normal life in America. It’s not easy, when they have the power to prevent nuclear disaster, and sinister forces are circling. Soon the advice of a mysterious, unscrupulous magician propels Janie and Benjamin into danger, and toward the land of the dead. Historical fantasy.
- Mercer, Bobby.** *Junk Drawer Physics: 50 Awesome Experiments That Don’t Cost a Thing*
Everything you need for wonderful physics experiments is probably in your home junk drawer. Nonfiction.
- Messner, Kate.** *The Seventh Wish*
“In this novel-length riff on ‘The Fisherman and His Wife,’ when Charlie goes ice fishing with pal Drew and his nana, she catches a fish who says it will grant her wishes in return for its release.” This novel also deals with drug addiction and its effects on a family. Fiction. (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Milford, Kate.** *Greenglass House*
Twelve-year-old Milo, the innkeepers’ adopted son, plans to spend his winter holidays relaxing at Greenglass House (a smuggler’s inn), but guests begin to arrive with strange stories about Greenglass House, and Milo and Meddy, the cook’s daughter, embark on an adventure. Mystery/fantasy.
- Miller, Sarah.** *The Borden Murders: Lizzie Borden and the Trial of the Century*
This is a true-crime account of Lizzie Borden’s story in 1892, complete with the two murders she was accused of committing and the ensuing court battles and sensational newspaper headlines. Nonfiction.
- Mitchell, Don.** *The Freedom Summer Murders*
With meticulous details, recounts the circumstances and events leading up to, and the aftermath of, the murders of three civil rights workers in Mississippi in June 1964. Nonfiction.

Montgomery, Sy; photographed by Keith Ellenbogen. *The Great White Shark Scientist*

"This appreciative introduction to a much-maligned species will thrill readers while it encourages them to see great white sharks in a new way." Nonfiction. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Montgomery, Sy. *Temple Grandin: How the Girl Who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World*

This biography of Dr. Temple Grandin describes her life with autism, how she overcame key disabilities through education and the support of her mother, and her groundbreaking work as a scientist and designer of cruelty-free livestock facilities. Nonfiction.

Napoli, Donna Jo. *Treasury of Greek Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Heroes & Monsters*

This introduction to Greek mythology combines retellings of classic Greek tales and detailed illustrations with character profiles, historical insights, and cultural facts. Nonfiction.

Nelson, S.D. *Sitting Bull: Lakota Warrior and Defender of his People*

Provides a first-person account of the experiences of one of the greatest Lakota/Sioux warriors and chiefs, including the changes that occurred in the lives of American Indians during his life. Historical fiction.

O'Connor, George. *Apollo: The Brilliant One*

This is the latest volume in the Olympians series, the graphic retellings of the Greek myths. Graphic mythology.

Oppel, Kenneth. *The Boundless*

Aboard "The Boundless," the greatest train ever built, on its maiden voyage across Canada, teenager Will enlists the aid of a traveling circus to save the train from villains. Historical fantasy.

Orgill, Roxane; illus. Francis Vallejo. *Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph*

"In 21 poems, Orgill introduces Art Kane's iconic 1958 Harlem photograph to young readers, spotlighting many of the 57 jazz musicians pictured." Poetry. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Pennypacker, Sara; illus. Jon Klassen. *Pax*

"A motherless boy is forced to abandon his domesticated fox when his father decides to join soldiers in an approaching war... Moving and poetic." Animal fantasy. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Preus, Margi. *The Bamboo Sword*

In 1853 Japan, Yoshi, a Japanese boy who dreams of becoming a samurai, learns about America from Manjiro (*Heart of a Samurai: Based on the True Story of Nakahama Manjiro*) and has adventures with Jack, a cabin boy aboard one of U.S. Commodore Matthew Perry's ships in Edo Bay. Historical fiction.

Raczka, Bob. *Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems*

"Readers may never look at concrete, or shaped, poetry in the same way again." (*Kirkus Reviews*) poetry

Reich, Susanna. *Fab Four Friends: The Boys Who Became the Beatles*

"This is the story of how four ordinary boys, growing up amid the rubble of postwar England, found music to be a powerful, even life-saving, force. This is the story of the four fabulous friends who became the bestselling band in history." Biography. (Publisher)

Reynolds, Jason. *As Brave as You*

"Eleven-year-old Brooklynite Genie has 'worry issues,' so when he and his older brother, Ernie, are sent to Virginia to spend a month with their estranged grandparents while their parents 'try to figure it all out,' he goes into overdrive." Fiction. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Rhuday-Perkovich, Olugbemisola and Audrey Vernick. *Two Naomis*

"Two girls named Naomi build an unlikely friendship after their parents begin dating each other." Fiction. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Rubin, Susan Goldman.

Freedom Summer: The 1964 Struggle for Civil Rights in Mississippi

With meticulous detail, retells the events leading up to the murders of three civil rights workers by Klansmen in Mississippi in June 1964. Nonfiction.

Selznick, Brian.

The Marvels (follow-up to *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* and *Wonderstruck*)

"The journey begins on a ship at sea in 1766, with a boy named Billy Marvel. After surviving a shipwreck, he finds work in a London theatre. There, his family flourishes for generations as brilliant actors until 1900, when young Leontes Marvel is banished from the stage. Nearly a century later, Joseph Jervis runs away from school and seeks refuge with a reclusive uncle in London. Albert Nightingale's strange, beautiful house, with its mysterious portraits and ghostly presences, captivates Joseph and leads him on a search for clues about the house, his family, and the past." Fiction. (Publisher)

Senzai, N. H.

Shooting Kabul

Escaping from Taliban-controlled Afghanistan in the summer of 2001, 11-year-old Fadi and his family emigrate to the San Francisco Bay Area, where Fadi is desperate to return to the Pakistani refugee camp where his little sister was left behind accidentally. Fiction.

Senzai, N. H.

Saving Kabul Corner

In the companion to *Shooting Kabul*, the mystery underlying the rivalry between the owners of two Afghan grocery stores in a California mall weaves in Afghan culture, politics, and history. Fiction.

Sheinkin, Steve.

Bomb: The Race to Build – and Steal – the World's Most Dangerous Weapon

A spy-thriller account of the countries and players involved in the race to build an atomic bomb. Nonfiction.

Sheinkin, Steve.

Lincoln's Grave Robbers

Describes how a counterfeiting ring plotted to ransom Lincoln's body to secure the release of their imprisoned ringleader and how a fledgling Secret Service and an undercover agent conducted a daring election-night sting operation. Nonfiction.

Shurtliff, Liesl.

Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin

Relates the tale of Rumpelstiltskin's childhood and youth, explaining why his name is so important, how at age 12 he can spin straw into gold, and why a first-born child is his reward for helping the miller's daughter-turned-queen. Fantasy.

Silvey, Anita.

Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall

A biography of a woman who made scientific breakthroughs in chimpanzee research beginning in her early twenties. The focus is on Goodall's scientific relationships with the chimpanzees that she observed and studied. Nonfiction.

Smith, Charles Jr.

28 Days: Moments in Black History That Changed the World

"Three pivotal Supreme Court cases, one amendment, and 25 great men and women make for memorable entries."

Informational Poetry. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Smith, Ronald.

Hoodoo

"A sinister stranger stalks young Hoodoo Hatcher in rural 1930s Alabama." Horror. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Stead, Rebecca.

Goodbye Stranger

As Bridge makes her way through seventh grade on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her best friends, curvaceous Em, crusader Tab, and a curious new friend--or more than friend--Sherm, she finds the answer she has been seeking since she barely survived an accident at age eight: "What is my purpose?" Fiction. (Publisher)

Stead, Rebecca.

When You Reach Me

Sixth grader Miranda and best friend Sal's relationship in their New York City neighborhood starts to fall apart when Sal gets punched by a kid and stops talking to Miranda. Mysterious messages begin to arrive that convince her that only she can prevent a tragedy from occurring. Fiction.

Stevenson, Noelle.

Lumberjanes (series)

Five girls at Miss Quinzella Thiskwin Penniquiquil Thistle Crumpet's Camp for Hardcore Lady Types solve mysteries concerning strange creatures, supernatural phenomena, and other unnerving goings-on around the camp. Graphic fiction.

Stone, Tanya Lee.

Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles: America's First Black Paratroopers

Recounts the untold story of the formation and contributions of America's first black paratroopers, the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion, in the face of rampant discrimination and prejudice. Nonfiction.

Tunnell, Michael O.

Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift's "Chocolate Pilot"

Recounts the life of the American Air Force pilot responsible for setting up the airlift of candy to the children of Berlin in 1948 and 1949 and describes the gratitude of the German people for his efforts. Nonfiction.

Turnage, Sheila.

Three Times Lucky

Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, 11-year old Mo LoBeau, and her best friend Dale become detectives when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems to be implicated in a murder. Mystery/humor.

Turnage, Sheila.

The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing

In the sequel to *Three Times Lucky*, Mo and Dale try to find out who is haunting Tupelo Landing's historic old inn. Mystery/humor.

Turnage, Sheila.

The Odds of Getting Even

In the second follow-up to *Three Times Lucky*, Mo and Dale are at the center of Tupelo's trial of the century. Mystery/humor.

Weatherford, Carole Boston; illus. Jeffery Boston Weatherford.

You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen

"The story of the struggles and achievements of the Tuskegee Airmen is told in vivid informational poetry... A masterful, inspiring evocation of an era." Poetry. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Weeks, Sarah and Gita Varadarajan.

Save Me a Seat

"Joe and Ravi don't think they have anything in common -but soon enough they have a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and a common mission: to take control of their lives over the course of a single crazy week." (*Scholastic Press*)

Williams-Garcia, Rita.

Gone Crazy in Alabama

Follows *One Crazy Summer* and *P.S. Be Eleven*. In the last volume in the trilogy, sisters Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern Gaither travel to rural Alabama in 1969 to visit their grandmother, great-grandmother, and uncle and become involved in a family feud regarding their racial history. A natural disaster puts the conflicts into perspective. Historical fiction.

Woodson, Jacqueline.

Brown Girl Dreaming

The author describes her birth during the Civil Rights Movement, her struggles with reading as a child, what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, the inspiration she found in stories, and her development as a writer. Memoir. Told in narrative verse.

Yang, Gene Luen.

Secret Coders

"Hopper's first day at Stately Academy goes terribly until her '7'-shaped earrings trigger a code in a robot bird, commanding it to display three eyes." Graphic mystery. Other books in the series *Secret Coders: Paths and Portals; Secrets and Sequences and Robots and Repeats*. Graphic mystery. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Young, Karen Romano.

Hundred Percent

"Two white, female best friends enter sixth grade, and their friendship becomes complicated." Fiction. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Yousafzai, Malala.

I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World

The Pakistani teen who was shot for supporting education for girls tells her story. Nonfiction memoir. (Malala shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014.)